



Kentucky Commission on Human Rights

Comisión de Derechos Humanos de Kentucky

FORUM

THE CORRELATION BETWEEN FAIR HOUSING AND EDUCATION

DATE: June 11, 2015

TIME: 9am – 1pm.

LOCATION:

The Kentucky Center for African American Heritage

1701 W Muhammad Ali Blvd

Louisville, KY 40203



KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Professor Myron Orfield
An American law professor at the University of Minnesota, director of its Institute on Metropolitan Opportunity, and a former non-resident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. He has been called "the most influential social demographer in America's burgeoning regional movement."

In 2013, Dr. Terry Holliday, Kentucky Education Commissioner, described Kentucky low performing schools as an “academic genocide.” This characterization triggered a debate among educators and education advocates. Looking into the education trends in minority students, the description may not be an over-statement. We may ask, what is the root of the problem? Is housing segregation and discrimination part of the problem for the low education achievements with African American and Latino students?

Data supports the theory that the vast and continued segregation in our housing has a direct impact on the underachievement of African American/Latino students in our schools. The forum will focus on the academic effects of segregated housing patterns in Kentucky, a brief comparison of Kentucky’s housing patterns and academic achievement gaps to those found nationally, and best practices found in Kentucky and nationally to address these issues.